Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, This is the 92nd year of volunteer service provided by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and,

Whereas, The 600,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are serving America protecting our freedom on foreign soil; and,

Whereas, The organization supports troops now serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, and Kuwait by sending them letters and care packages, and helping their families left behind; and,

Whereas, Year after year, members honor those who have sacrificed in the previous wars by volunteering more than 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers throughout this country; and,

Whereas, The Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this country's most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and,

Whereas, The organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and,

Whereas, The members raise $3,000,000 each year to fight cancer; and,

Whereas, Sandy Germany, National President 2005-2006, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, *From Sea To Shining Sea, Freedom Is Not Free*; and,

Whereas, On September 9, 2005, Sandy Germany will make an official visit to Pierre, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2005, as

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State